

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE**

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce was called to order by **Representative Wayne Schmidt**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Wayne Schmidt, Tyler, Gilbert, Knollenberg, Denby, Shirkey, Lund, Farrington, Glardon, Shaughnessy, Somerville, Zorn, Switalski, Bledsoe, Haugh, Barnett, Clemente and Townsend.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative Olumba.

Representative Tyler moved to adopt the minutes from the **June 5, 2012**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Wayne Schmidt laid **SB 1123, SB 1124** and **SB 1125** before the committee:

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| SB 1123 Jansen | Housing; housing development authority; authority to make, purchase, or participate in certain loans; grant. |
| SB 1124 Jansen | Housing; housing development authority; escrow accounts in which authority funds are held; define. |
| SB 1125 Kowall | Housing; housing development authority; limit on principal amount of bonds and notes; increase. |

TESTIMONY

Dave Biswas from Senator Kowall's office testified in support of the bills.

Jennifer Bowman, representing the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), testified and submitted a handout in support of the bills.

Jeff Sykes, representing (MSHDA), testified in support of the bills.

Will Moseng, representing (MSHDA), testified in support of the bills.

The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, supports the bills.

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), supports the bills.

Jessica AcMoody, representing the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), supports the bills.

Nikki Brown, representing the Michigan Municipal League, supports the bills.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Home Builders Association, supports the bills.

Dave Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, supports the bills.

Chair Wayne Schmidt laid **HB 4084** before the committee:

HB 4084 Slavens Economic development; downtown development authorities; use of certain revenues for agriculture industry; allow.

TESTIMONY

Representative Slavens, sponsor of HB 4084, explained her bill to the committee.

The following person submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Derek Bajema, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, supports the bill.

Chair Wayne Schmidt laid **SB 1094** before the committee:

SB 1094 Caswell Employment security; benefits; eligibility when receiving reduced wages; allow.

An amendment by Representative Farrington was adopted on June 5, 2012.

TESTIMONY

Chad Arnold from Senator Caswell's office testified in support of the bill.

Michael O'Brien, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), testified in support of the bill.

Representative Townsend moved to report **SB 1094** with recommendation as substitute (**H-1**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **16-1-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yea: Representatives Wayne Schmidt, Tyler, Gilbert, Denby, Lund, Shirkey, Farrington, Glardon, Shaughnessy, Zorn, Switalski, Bledsoe, Haugh, Barnett, Clemente and Townsend,

Nay: Representative Knollenberg,

Pass: Representative Somerville.

The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Dave Jessup, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM), indicated neutrality on the bill.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, indicated neutrality on the bill.
Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), did not indicate a position on the bill.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Home Builders Association, supports the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**Representative Wayne Schmidt, Chair
House Standing Committee on Commerce**

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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50 minutes